

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WILSHIRE CENTER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION
A CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

A meeting of the Board was held on October 27, 2016 at 3600 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, California for the purpose of transacting all proper business of the corporation and of the Advisory Board for the Wilshire Center Business Improvement District.

The meeting was called to order. Written notice of this meeting was sent or personally delivered to all Directors of record on the books of the corporation at such time and with such contents as required by the Bylaws of the corporation. Board members present were Paul Kim, Jimmy Han, Dustin Story. Guests present were Brenda Arianpour, Christine McSweeney, Senior Lead Officer Harry Cho, LAPD Captain Kowalski and Prosecutor Veronica Soto.

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

Officer Cho addressed the issue of car theft and car break-ins in the area. Some MS gang members were arrested for multiple car break-ins. He would like property owners to remind people to keep valuable items out of sight and their cars locked to prevent theft.

The LAPD's Olympic Areas "Operation Shoes from Santa" will take place on December 15th. They hope to distribute 1500 pairs of shoes to needy children in the area. Donations of toys and money can also be made. For more information contact SLO Eric Mollinedo – 31754@lapd.lacity.org or 213-382-9140.

Captain Kowalski would like board members to keep him apprised of the BID's concerns, and to call him with questions. He is committed to working with the BID. He mentioned that there is a foot beat in Wilshire Center/Koreatown whenever possible, especially during business hours.

Veronica Soto is our new neighborhood prosecution for the Olympic Division and also asked that BID members call her with their questions and concerns.

LAPD is at the forefront of addressing homeless issues; two full time officers are now assigned to this task every Wednesday.

The Board Report was reviewed. There is coordination between LAPD and our bike and clean-up teams through the 311 app. A video was shown of the Oct. 1st neighborhood clean-up which attracted over 200 volunteers in partnership with the LA City Council District 10, Council President Herb J. Wesson Jr., RFK Community Schools, LAPD Olympic Division, KYCC, Bresee, LA Sanitation, Public Heath Foundation Enterprises, Happy Village, LA Conservation Corp and Boo's Philly.

The medians are being replanted and 20 trees were trimmed.

A day by day incident report was passed around for the Board's information.

The organization Bresee has a "grid" program – gang intervention and prevention program. Captain Kowalski said there has been a significant reduction in gang violence since the program was implemented. The BID is working with this group in our area.

Our bike team has been distributing flyers with important phone numbers (such as LAPD, LA sanitation, etc.) to residents in the area.

Twelve new trash cans were placed in the BID area by the LA Dept. of Sanitation. People are encouraged to call Sanitation if they see the cans are full. The number is 1-800-773-CITY.

The WCBIC is applying for the 2016 Great Streets Challenge Grant to help with pedestrian improvements in our area. The application deadline is November 18th.

The WCBIC is still working on getting schools in the area to open their campuses to the public on weekends, due to a lack of parks in the area. There are problems with maintenance and security that need to be worked out.

All reports of the WCBIC have been submitted to the City Clerk's office.

We switched Holiday Light vendors, and they are in the permitting process now.

The Board addressed Item 6 of the agenda, the election of officers. After discussion, it a motion was made and approved to reelect our existing officers.

Discussion took place about homeless issues on 7th and Normandy, and also about Ficus trees ruining the sidewalks, but the trees are protected by the Dept. of Urban Forestry and it is difficult if not impossible to get trees removed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mike Sarebanha as Secretary